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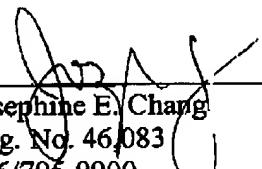
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-15, 17-31 and 33 will be pending in this application upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 10 and 26 have been amended. Claim 32 has been canceled. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration and an early indication of allowance of the now-pending claims 10-15, 17-31 and 33 are respectfully requested.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with the undersigned on November 2, 2006. Via this supplemental amendment, Applicant has amended claims 10 and 26 as suggested by the Examiner. The amended claims are now allowable over Kikinis (U.S. Patent No. 5,929,849). Accordingly, an early indication of allowance of the now pending claims 10-15, 17-31 and 33 is respectfully requested.

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